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Teachers' Retirement Board California State Teachers' Retirement System

Re: Defined Benefit Supplement Program
Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2015

Dear Members of the Board:

At your request, we have performed an actuarial valuation of the Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan as of June 30, 2015. Details about the actuarial valuation are contained in the following report. The major findings of the 2015 Actuarial Valuation are contained in this report. This report reflects the benefit provisions and contribution rates in effect as of the valuation date.

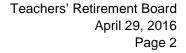
#### **Actuarial Certification**

To the best of our knowledge and belief, this report is complete and accurate and contains sufficient information to fully and fairly disclose the funded condition of the Defined Benefit Supplement Program as of June 30, 2015.

In preparing this report, we relied, without audit, on information (some oral and some in writing) supplied by CalSTRS' staff. This information includes, but is not limited to, statutory provisions, employee data, and financial information. In our examination of these data, we have found them to be reasonably consistent and comparable with data used for other purposes. The valuation results depend on the integrity of this information. If any of this information is inaccurate or incomplete our results may be different and our calculations may need to be revised.

All costs, liabilities, rates of interest, and other factors for CalSTRS have been determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods which are individually reasonable (taking into account the experience of CalSTRS and reasonable expectations) and which, in combination, offer a reasonable estimate of anticipated experience affecting CalSTRS. Further, in our opinion, each actuarial assumption used is reasonably related to the experience of CalSTRS and to reasonable expectations which, in combination, represent a reasonable estimate of anticipated experience.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the Plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of our assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of future measurements. The Teachers' Retirement Board has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions and methods used for the valuation of the DBS Program. The Board adopted the actuarial methods and assumptions used in the 2015 valuation.





Actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of assessing the funding of the DBS Program. The calculations in the enclosed report have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of the DBS Program funding structure. Determinations for other purposes may be significantly different from the results contained in this report. Accordingly, additional determinations may be needed for other purposes.

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The consultants who worked on this assignment are pension actuaries. Milliman's advice is not intended to be a substitute for qualified legal or accounting counsel.

The signing actuaries are independent of the plan sponsor. We are not aware of any relationship that would impair the objectivity of our work.

On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this report is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices, including the relevant Actuarial Standards of Practice. We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.



We would like to express our appreciation to the CalSTRS staff who gave substantial assistance in supplying the data on which this report is based.

We respectfully submit the following report and we look forward to discussing it with you.

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## Section 1 Summary of the Findings



The Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) Program was established on January 1, 2001. All contributing members of the Defined Benefit Program participate in the DBS Program.

Number of Non- Date of Retired Participants Accumulated					
Valuation	Active	Total	Account Balances		
June 30, 2009	458,243	557,897	\$ 6,316,153,745		
June 30, 2010	440,824	553,380	6,552,302,589		
June 30, 2011	417,262	538,915	7,196,652,386		
June 30, 2012	403,117	530,880	7,280,976,741		
June 30, 2013	390,465	521,241	7,375,241,384		
June 30, 2014	386,766	516,727	7,729,915,855		
June 30, 2015	388,314	518,012	8,207,999,716 *		

<sup>\*</sup> Includes adjustment to reflect 2014 Additional Earnings Credits. 2015 Additional Earnings Credits will be reported in the 2016 valuation.

The Actuarial Value of Assets for this valuation is the Fair Market Value as provided to us by CalSTRS. The actual return for the year, as measured using uniform cash flow throughout the year, was about 4.5% net of investment and administrative expenses.

(\$ Thousands)	rear Ended une 30, 2015	ear Ended ne 30, 2014
Additions		
Contributions	\$ 216,128	\$ 159,663
Earnings	476,304	1,675,039
Total Additions	\$ 692,432	\$ 1,834,702
Deductions		
Benefits	\$ 319,531	\$323,991
Expenses	8,145	8,385
Total Deductions	327,676	\$332,376
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ 364,756	\$1,502,326
Net Assets		
Beginning of Year	\$ 10,576,161 *	\$8,983,919
Transfers In/(Out)	-	6,817
Net Increase (Decrease)	364,756	 1,502,326
End of Year	\$ 10,940,917	\$10,493,062
Estimated Net Rate of Return	4.5%	18.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Adjustment to prior year ending balance for application of GASB 68 and change in Prior Year Fair Value Accrual.



Summary of the Findings (continued)

As of June 30, 2015 the Actuarial Value of Assets of the DBS Program exceeds the Actuarial Obligation by \$1,711,825,000. This number is the negative Unfunded Actuarial Obligation (UAO), sometimes referred to as an Actuarial Surplus. If the experience had emerged as assumed, the Actuarial Surplus would have increased from \$1,472,355,000 to \$1,582,782,000. The difference between the actual and expected Unfunded Actuarial Obligation is the actuarial gain or loss for the year.

- There was an actuarial loss of \$231,844,000 due to the actual investment return being less than last year's assumed long-term return of 7.50%.
- There was an actuarial gain of \$360,887,000 due primarily to the current year's interest credits being less than 7.50% during the year. The Minimum Interest Rate for 2014-2015 was 3.55%.
- The net actuarial gain was \$129,043,000, which increased the Funded Ratio to 118.55%, prior to granting Additional Earnings Credits.
- The Actuarial Obligation increased by \$324,216,000 due to Additional Credits adopted effective June 30, 2015.

The valuation results are based on the June 30, 2015 fair market value of assets.

(\$ Thousands)	Ju	ıne 30, 2015	Ju	ine 30, 2014
Actuarial Balance Sheet				
Actuarial Obligation (before Add'l Credits)	\$	9,229,092	\$	8,672,861
Actuarial Value of Assets		10,940,917		10,493,062
Unfunded Actuarial Obligation /				
(Actuarial Surplus)	\$	(1,711,825)	\$	(1,820,201)
Additional Earnings Credit		324,216		347,846
Additional Annuity Credit		0		0
Final Unfunded Actuarial Obligation /				
(Actuarial Surplus)	\$	(1,387,609)	\$	(1,472,355)
Funded Ratio (Assets ÷ Actuarial Obligat				
Before Add'l Credits		118.55%		120.99%
After Add'l Credits		114.52%		116.32%
Actuarial (Gain) or Loss				
Investment Return on Assets	\$	231,844	\$	(1,005,839)
Interest Credits on Accounts		(360,887)		(285,294)
Total Actuarial (Gain) or Loss	\$	(129,043)	\$	(1,291,133)
Expected UAO at End of Year		(1,582,782)		(529,068)
Total Unfunded Actuarial Obligation /	-			
(Actuarial Surplus) Before Add'l Credits	\$	(1,711,825)	\$	(1,820,201)

Summary of the Findings (continued)

The Board established a policy ("Additional Credit Policy") on June 9, 2006 that was effective for the Additional Earnings Credit and Additional Annuity Credit decisions beginning in 2006. The Board's Additional Credit Policy calls for a two-step determination of the allocation as shown in detail in this report. This policy was updated at the Board's April 2015 meeting to increase the thresholds needed to be met to grant Additional Earnings Credits and to remove the Additional Annuity Credit.

At the April 2016 meeting, the Board granted an Additional Earnings Credit of \$324,216,000, pursuant to the Board policy.

The following chart shows a history of prior Board actions.

(\$ Thousands)  Valuation Date	Available Reserves a Unallocate Gains (Loss	nd ed	Additional Credits Adopted	Final n and Loss Reserve
June 30, 2006	\$ 423,2	269 \$	88,201	\$ 335,068
June 30, 2007	954,	762	195,223	759,539
June 30, 2008	8,	769	0	8,769
June 30, 2009	(1,453,	334)	0	(1,453,334)
June 30, 2010	(1,044,	262)	0	(1,044,262)
June 30, 2011	281,	195	0	281,195
June 30, 2012	50,	527	0	50,527
June 30, 2013	788,0	028	295,872	492,156
June 30, 2014	1,820,	201	347,846	1,472,355
June 30, 2015	1,711,8	325	324,216	1,387,609

#### **Future Funding**

The DBS Program has an Actuarial Surplus (negative UAO), since the value of assets is greater than the current value of the Actuarial Obligation. If all assumptions are met, the funding surplus will slowly grow in the future. If future experience is worse than assumed, a UAO may develop. For example, if the DBS Program earned 0.0% in FYE2016, we project the funded ratio will be 110% as of June 30, 2016, but if the return is -10.0%, the projected funded ratio is 99%. Currently the return is better than -10%, so it is likely the June 30, 2016 valuation will show a funded ratio greater than 100%, but less than current funded ratio. Note the projected funded ratios assume the additional credits are granted for the current year.

There is currently no provision in the Education Code to increase contributions to make up the hypothetical shortfall described above, if it were to occur. However, the assumed return on investments exceeds the Minimum Interest Rate. To the extent that the assets earn more than the accounts are credited in the future, this may be sufficient to make up any potential shortfall.

The actuarially determined contribution in accordance with the funding policy is equal to the actual contributions that will be required to be made to the DBS Program according to the California Education Code.

#### Conclusion

The DBS Program is currently in a surplus funded position; that is, the assets exceed the value of the Actuarial Obligation based on the actuarial assumptions. Given the current funded position, it is consistent with their policy for the Board to consider granting Additional Credits. However, it should be noted that future experience will not exactly conform to the assumptions. To the extent future experience is worse than assumed, it is possible that an Unfunded Actuarial Obligation could develop in the future.

Granting an Additional Earnings Credit of 3.95% to active and inactive member accounts is consistent with the Board's policy. No Additional Annuity Credit will be granted to current retirees. The estimated value of the Additional Earnings Credits is \$324,216,000.

## Section 2 Findings of the Actuarial Valuation



An actuarial valuation is performed as of June 30 of each year, the last day of the Program's plan year. The primary purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial condition of the DBS Program through the measurement of the Gain and Loss Reserve. We also describe recent changes in the Program's financial condition and provide additional disclosure information.

The findings have been determined according to actuarial assumptions that were adopted on the basis of recent experience and current expectations of future experience. In our opinion, the assumptions used in the valuation are reasonably related to the past experience of the DBS Program and represent a reasonable estimate of future conditions affecting the Program. Nevertheless, the emerging costs of the Program will vary from those presented in this report to the extent that actual experience differs from that projected by the actuarial assumptions.

### Actuarial Value of Assets

The Actuarial Value of Assets for this valuation is the Fair Market Value as reported by CalSTRS. A Statement of Program Assets for the last two plan years is shown in **Table 1**, and the Statement of Change in Program Assets is shown in **Table 2**.

The investment return for 2014-2015 was calculated to be 4.5% net of all investment and administrative expenses and assuming uniform cash flow throughout the year. This is an estimate only for the purpose of comparing investment experience from one year to the next and will likely differ from information provided by your investment advisors.

### Actuarial Balance Sheet

Under the Traditional Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method, when the assumed investment return is equal to the assumed interest crediting rate, then the Normal Cost is equal to the contributions made during the year and the Actuarial Obligation is equivalent to the current sum of the Members' Account Balances plus a reserve for the present value of the current annuity payments. **Table 3** shows the Actuarial Obligation for this and the prior valuation.

For the purpose of this valuation, the account information was provided to us by CalSTRS, including Additional Earnings Credits granted for 2006, 2007, and 2013. Milliman has adjusted these account balances to reflect the Additional Earnings Credits granted for 2014. We checked the information for reasonableness by reviewing the individual member records supplied to us. We independently calculated the value of the annuitized benefits.

## Actuarial Balance Sheet (continued)

The excess of the Actuarial Obligation over the Actuarial Value of Assets is called the Unfunded Actuarial Obligation. If the Actuarial Value of Assets exceeds the Actuarial Obligation, the difference is called the Actuarial Surplus.

If all experience emerged as assumed every year, the DBS Program would have an Actuarial Surplus at the end of each year before any Additional Earnings Credit. This is because the Minimum Interest Rate is less than the assumed earnings rate. In order to retain an Actuarial Surplus, the investment returns over a long period of time must exceed the combination of the Minimum Interest Rates and the Additional Earnings Credits.

Although we expect this to be the case, investment performance for several prior years was below the long-term assumption.

# Actuarial Gains and Losses

The Minimum Interest Rate for the year ending on the valuation date was 3.55%. Since the assumed total earnings rate last year was 7.50% per year, the increase in the Actuarial Obligation was less than expected. The total actuarial gain on the Actuarial Obligation was \$360,887,000.

Last year, the assumed earnings rate on the invested assets was 7.50% per year. The actual return for the year was about 4.5% (net of investment and administrative expenses and assuming uniform cash flow through the year, which is slightly different than how interest is actually posted), which produced an investment loss of \$231,844,000.

The assumed earnings rate for future years is 7.50%, as adopted by the Board in February 2012.

The total actuarial gain due to all causes was \$129,043,000 as shown in **Table 4**.

# **Contributions** and **Normal Costs**

As shown in Table 4, the Normal Costs of the Defined Benefit Supplement Program are equal to the actual contributions. They are shown as the actual dollar amount of contributions. The timing in Table 4 is therefore consistent with the fact that contributions are spread over the entire year and correspond to payroll timing. The total contributions of \$216,128,000 were made up of \$108,102,000 in employee contributions and \$108,026,000 in employer contributions.

## Gain and Loss Reserve

**Table 5** shows the derivation of the Gain and Loss Reserve. After each actuarial valuation, the Teachers' Retirement Board decides on the adjustment to the prior year's Gain and Loss Reserve and the Additional Earnings Credit, if any.

This report assumes the Teachers' Retirement Board will allocate any unallocated gain or loss to funding after any Additional Earnings Credits are adopted.

# Additional Credits Based on Board Policy

Based on the Board's Policy, an Additional Earnings Credit of \$324,216,000 was granted as of June 30, 2015.

The Board's Policy calls for a two-step determination of the allocation.

The first step in the process allocates the excess of the Actuarial Surplus over 1 times the Standard Deviation of the Expected Long-Term Rate of Return on the investment portfolio, but limited by the long-term assumed rate of earnings.

#### **First Allocation**

Long-term Expected Net Investment Return	7.50%
Minimum Interest Rate (year prior to valuation)	<u>3.55</u>
Maximum Available in First Allocation (1)	3.95%
Actuarial Surplus	18.55%
First Threshold (1x Portfolio Std. Deviation)	<u>13.90</u>
Actuarial Surplus in excess of First Threshold (2)	4.65%
Maximum credit such that resulting Funded Ratio is not less than 100% + Std. Deviation (3)	4.58%
First Allocation [lesser of (1), (2), and (3)]	3.95%

The second step in the process allocates 50% of the remaining Actuarial Surplus over 2 times the Standard Deviation of the Expected Long-Term Rate of Return on the investment portfolio.

### **Second Allocation**

Available for Second Allocation	0.00%
Less 50%	(0.00)
Actuarial Surplus in excess of Second Threshold	0.00%
Second Threshold (2x Portfolio Std. Deviation)	<u>27.80</u>
Remaining Actuarial Surplus	14.52%

The total available is the sum of the two steps, or 3.95% of the Actuarial Obligation for active and inactive member accounts as of June 30, 2015.

Details of the calculation are shown in Table 6.

Historical Information

A history of the DBS Program's cash flow and funded status are shown in **Tables 7 and 8**.

Supplemental Information

Supplemental information that is recommended to be disclosed by the California Actuarial Advisory Panel is shown in **Tables 9, 10, and 11**.

## Table 1 Statement of Program Assets

(\$ Thousands)	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Invested Assets		
Cash	\$ 20,196	\$ 15,595
Debt Securities	2,066,491	2,012,392
Equity Securities	6,046,760	5,705,301
Alternative Investments	2,948,929	2,845,707
Derivative Instruments	509	<u>825</u>
Total Investments	\$ 11,082,885	\$ 10,579,820
Receivables	(42,134)	(10,902)
Liabilities	(99,834)	(75,856)
Fair Market Value of Net Assets	\$ 10,940,917	\$ 10,493,062

Table 2
Statement of Change in Program Assets

(\$ Thousands)	Year Ended June 30, 2015	Year Ended June 30, 2014
Additions		
Contributions  Members  Employers  Total Contributions	\$ 108,102 108,026 216,128	\$ 79,775 <u>79,888</u> 159,663
Net Earnings	476,304	1,675,039
Total Additions	\$ 692,432	\$ 1,834,702
Deductions		
Benefit Payments Retirement, Death and Survivor Refunds of Member Contributions Total Benefits	\$ 300,058	\$ 300,031 23,960 323,991
Expenses	8,145	8,385
Total Deductions	\$ 327,676	\$ 332,376
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ 364,756	\$ 1,502,326
Fair Market Value of Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 10,493,062	\$ 8,983,919
Accounting Adjustments (GASB 68)	(9,126)	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Fair Value Accrual	92,225	0
Transfers In/(Out)	0	6,817
Net Increase (Decrease)	364,756	1,502,326
End of Year	\$ 10,940,917	\$ 10,493,062
Estimated Net Rate of Return	4.5%	18.7%

<sup>-</sup> assuming uniform cash flow through the year

<sup>-</sup> net of investment and administrative expenses

Table 3
Actuarial Balance Sheet

(\$ Thousands)	<u>June</u>	June 30, 2014	
	Without Additional Credits	With Additional Credits Adopted	(Reflects 2014 Additional Credits)
Total Requirements			
Actuarial Obligation			
Retirees and Beneficiaries	\$ 1,021,092	\$ 1,021,092	\$ 942,945
Inactive Members	560,215	582,343	530,042
Active Members	7,647,785	7,949,873	7,547,720
Total Requirements	\$ 9,229,092	\$ 9,553,308	\$ 9,020,707
Total Resources			
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$10,940,917	\$10,940,917	\$10,493,062
Unfunded Actuarial Obligation or (Actuarial Surplus)	(1,711,825)	(1,387,609)	(1,472,355)
Total Resources	\$ 9,229,092	\$ 9,553,308	\$ 9,020,707
Funded Ratio	118.55%	114.52%	116.32%

# Table 4 Actuarial Gains and Losses\*

(\$ Thousands)	Actuarial Obligation	Actuarial Value of Assets	Unfunded Actuarial Obligation
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 9,020,707	\$ 10,493,062	\$ (1,472,355)
Expected Changes			
Actual Contributions/Normal Cost	216,128	216,128	0
Actual Benefits Paid	(319,531)	(319,531)	0
Expected Earnings / Credits	672,675	783,102	(110,427)
Expected Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 9,589,979	\$ 11,172,761	\$ (1,582,782)
Actuarial Gains or Losses			
(Gain)/Loss on Actuarial Obligation	(360,887)		
Gain/(Loss) on Assets		(231,844)	
Net (Gain) or Loss on UAO			(129,043)
Actual Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 9,229,092	\$10,940,917	\$ (1,711,825)

<sup>\*</sup> Prior to Additional Credits.

Table 5
Gain and Loss Reserve

(\$ Thousands)		June 30, 2015				June 30, 2014	
		Without Additional Credits	W	ith Additional Credits Adopted			
Unfunded Actuarial Obligation or (Actuarial Surplus) (prior to any additional earnings)	\$	(1,711,825)	\$	(1,711,825)	\$	(1,820,201)	
Additional Earnings Credit		0		324,216		347,846	
Additional Annuity Credit		0	_	0	_	0	
Unfunded Actuarial Obligation or (Actuarial Surplus)	\$	(1,711,825)		(1,387,609)		(1,472,355)	
Gain and Loss Reserve							
Beginning of Year	\$	1,472,355	\$	1,472,355	\$	492,156	
Allocated to Funding		239,470	_	(84,746)		980,199	
End of Year Gain and Loss Reserve	\$	1,711,825		1,387,609		1,472,355	
Unallocated Gains and (Losses)	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	

(\$ Thousands)	Reserves and Additional Unallocated Credits		Final Gain and Loss		
Valuation Date	Gains (Losses)	Adopted	Reserve		
June 30, 2003	\$ (47,366)	\$ 0	\$ (47,366)		
June 30, 2004	168,630	0	168,630		
June 30, 2005	266,978	0	266,978		
June 30, 2006	423,269	88,201	335,068		
June 30, 2007	954,762	195,223	759,539		
June 30, 2008	8,769	0	8,769		
June 30, 2009	(1,453,334)	0	(1,453,334)		
June 30, 2010	(1,044,262)	0	(1,044,262)		
June 30, 2011	281,195	0	281,195		
June 30, 2012	50,527	0	50,527		
June 30, 2013	788,028	295,872	492,156		
June 30, 2014	1,820,201	347,846	1,472,355		
June 30, 2015	1,711,825	324,216	1,387,609		

Table 6
Additional Credits Based on Board Policy

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Funded Ratio before Additional Credits	118.55%	120.99%
Actuarial Surplus	18.55%	20.99%
First Threshold	13.90%	13.90%
Second Threshold	27.80%	27.80%
First Allocation		
Long-term Net Investment Return	7.50%	7.50%
Minimum Interest Rate (MIR) (year prior to valuation)	<u>3.55</u>	<u>3.00</u>
Maximum Available in First Allocation (1)	3.95%	4.50%
Actuarial Surplus	18.55%	20.99%
First Threshold (1 x Std. Deviation of Portfolio Return)	<u>13.90</u>	<u>13.90</u>
Actuarial Surplus in excess of First Threshold (2)	4.65%	7.09%
Maximum credit such that resulting Funded Ratio is not less than 100% + Std. Deviation (3)	4.58%	6.98%
First Allocation [lesser of (1), (2), and (3)]	3.95%	4.50%
Second Allocation		
Remaining Actuarial Surplus	14.52%	16.32%
Second Threshold (2 x Std. Deviation of Portfolio Return)	<u>27.80</u>	<u>27.80</u>
Actuarial Surplus in excess of Second Threshold	0.00%	0.00%
Less 50%	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Available for Second Allocation	0.00%	0.00%
Recommended Additional Earnings Credit based on Policy		
As a percentage of Actuarial Obligation (actives and inactives only) as of the valuation date	3.95%	4.50%
As a dollar amount (\$ Thousands)	\$ 324,216	\$ 347,846

Table 7
History of Cash Flow

(\$ Thous	sands)		Expenditures D	uring the Year			Fair Market
Year End	Contributions for the Year	Benefit Payments	Contribution Refunds	Expenses	Total	External Cash Flow	Value of Assets
2002	\$ 487,185	\$ 0	\$ 4,982	\$ 255	\$ 5,237	\$ 481,948	\$ 660,148
2003	604,853	0	17,102	580	17,682	587,171	1,311,269
2004	691,081	41,991	3,078	1,206	46,275	644,806	2,203,682
2005	669,706	75,426	8,599	1,740	85,765	583,941	3,023,177
2006	703,104	97,997	14,032	1,952	113,981	589,123	3,951,327
2007	749,844	97,221	18,026	2,464	117,711	632,133	5,381,585
2008	802,380	139,435	17,716	2,903	160,054	642,326	5,636,113
2009	822,010	156,458	29,823	3,385	189,666	632,344	5,145,981
2010	796,743	223,733	13,673	6,113	243,519	553,224	6,412,180
2011	410,820	249,949	25,956	6,140	282,045	128,775	8,054,962
2012	102,570	223,411	24,436	6,886	254,733	(152,163)	8,042,090
2013	160,771	279,284	25,131	7,568	311,983	(151,212)	8,983,919
2014	159,663	300,031	23,960	8,385	332,376	(172,713)	10,493,062
2015	216,128	300,058	19,473	8,145	327,676	(111,548)	10,940,917

# Table 8 Schedule of Funding Progress

### (\$ Thousands)

Year End	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio Assets/AAL	Estimated Covered Payroll	Coverage Ratio UAAL/Pay
2002	\$ 660,148	\$ 711,440	\$ 51,292	93%	\$ 21,732,000	0%
2003	1,311,269	1,358,635	47,366	97%	22,654,000	0%
2004	2,203,682	2,035,052	(168,630)	108%	22,589,000	(1)%
2005	3,023,177	2,756,199	(266,978)	110%	23,257,000	(1)%
2006	3,951,327	3,616,259	(335,068)	109%	24,240,000	(1)%
2007	5,381,585	4,622,046	(759,539)	116%	25,906,000	(3)%
2008	5,636,113	5,627,344	(8,769)	100%	27,118,000	0%
2009	5,145,981	6,599,315	1,453,334	78%	27,327,000	5%
2010	6,412,180	7,456,442	1,044,262	86%	26,274,000	4%
2011	8,054,962	7,773,767	(281,195)	104%	25,536,000	(1)%
2012	8,042,090	7,991,563	(50,527)	100%	25,091,000	(0)%
2013	8,983,919	8,491,763	(492,156)	106%	24,994,000	(2)%
2014	10,493,062	9,020,707	(1,472,355)	116%	25,805,000	(6)%
2015*	10,940,917	9,553,308	(1,387,609)	115%	27,143,000	(5)%

<sup>\*</sup> Results include Additional Credits adopted at the April 2016 Teachers' Retirement Board Meeting.

# Table 9 Reconciliation of Changes in Unfunded Actuarial Obligation

### (\$ Thousands)

Year End	Beginning of Year UAO	Expected Earnings/ Credits	(G)/L on Actuarial Obligation	(G)/L on Assets	Additional Credits	End of Year UAO
2011	\$ 1,044,262	\$ 75,709	\$ (363,073)	\$(1,038,093)	\$ 0	(281,195)
2012	(281,195)	(21,089)	(214,512)	466,269	0	(50,527)
2013	(50,527)	(3,789)	(246,009)	(487,703)	295,872	(492,156)
2014	(492,156)	(36,912)	(285,294)	(1,005,839)	347,846	(1,472,355)
2015*	(1,472,355)	(110,427)	(360,887)	231,844	324,216	(1,387,609)

<sup>\*</sup> Results include Additional Credits adopted at the April 2016 Teachers' Retirement Board Meeting.

Table 10 Changes in Economic Assumptions

Year	Price Inflation	Wage Inflation	Investment Return
2011	3.00%	3.75%	7.50%
2012	3.00%	3.75%	7.50%
2013	3.00%	3.75%	7.50%
2014	3.00%	3.75%	7.50%
2015	3.00%	3.75%	7.50%

Table 11 Smoothing and Volatility Ratios

Year	Asset Smoothing Ratio AVA/MVA	Asset Volatility Ratio MVA/Payroll	Liability Volatility Ratio AAL/Payroll
2002	100%	3.0%	3.3%
2003	100%	5.8%	6.0%
2004	100%	9.8%	9.0%
2005	100%	13.0%	11.9%
2006	100%	16.3%	14.9%
2007	100%	20.8%	17.8%
2008	100%	20.8%	20.8%
2009	100%	18.8%	24.1%
2010	100%	24.4%	28.4%
2011	100%	31.5%	30.4%
2012	100%	32.1%	31.9%
2013	100%	35.9%	34.0%
2014	100%	40.7%	35.0%
2015*	100%	40.3%	35.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Results include Additional Credits adopted at the April 2016 Teachers' Retirement Board Meeting.

## Appendix A Provisions of Governing Law



All of the actuarial calculations contained in this report are based upon our understanding of the Defined Benefit Supplement (DBS) Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan as contained in Part 13 of the California Education Code. The provisions used in this valuation are summarized below for reference purposes.

### Membership

Eligibility Requirement: All members of the Defined Benefit Program who perform creditable service and

earn creditable compensation after December 31, 2000.

Member: An eligible employee with creditable service subject to coverage in the DBS

Program.

**Account Balance** 

Account Balance: Nominal accounts established for the purpose of determining benefits payable to

the Member. Accounts are credited with Contributions, a Minimum Interest Rate

(MIR) and Additional Earnings Credits.

Contributions: One-quarter (2% of compensation) of the DB Program Member contributions on

creditable compensation was allocated to the Member's DBS Account through

December 31, 2010.

Member and employer contributions will be credited to the Member's DBS Account for creditable compensation that is not credited to the DB Program.

Minimum Interest Rate: Annual rate determined for the plan year by the Retirement Board in accordance

with federal laws and regulations. The MIR is equal to the average of the yields on 30-year Treasuries for the 12 months ending in February preceding the

beginning of the plan year, rounded to the next highest 0.25%.

Additional Earnings Credit: Annual rate determined for the plan year by the Retirement Board pursuant to

earnings credit policy adopted at the April 2015 meeting.

Additional Annuity Credit: No longer applies, per the Board annuity credit policy adopted at the April 2015

meeting.

**Normal Retirement** 

Eligibility Requirement: Receipt of a corresponding benefit under the DB Program.

Benefit: The DBS Account Balance at the benefit effective date subject to limits imposed

under Internal Revenue Code Section 415.

Form of Payment: The normal form of payment is a lump sum distribution. Annuity options are

available if the DBS Account equals or exceeds \$3,500.

**Early Retirement** 

Eligibility Requirement: Same as Normal Retirement.

Benefit and Form: Same as Normal Retirement.



Late Retirement

Benefit and Form: Same as Normal Retirement.

Contributions and earnings continue to be credited to the Account Balances until

distributed.

**Deferred Retirement** 

Benefit: A Member must receive a DBS benefit when the corresponding benefit is

received under the DB Program.

**Disability Benefit** 

Eligibility Requirement: Receipt of a corresponding benefit under the DB Program.

Benefit: The DBS Account Balance at the date the disability benefit becomes payable.

An annuity benefit is discontinued upon the termination of the corresponding DB

Program benefit.

Form of Payment: Same as Normal Retirement.

**Death Before Retirement** 

Eligibility Requirement: Deceased Member has a DBS Account Balance.

Benefit: The DBS Account Balance at the date of death, plus minimum interest credited

through the date of payment, payable to the designated beneficiary.

Form of Payment: Same as Normal Retirement, except annuity options are limited to a Period

Certain Annuity.

**Death After Retirement** 

Eligibility Requirement: The deceased Member was receiving an annuity.

Benefit: According to the terms of the annuity elected by the Member.

Termination from the Program

Eligibility Requirement: Termination of all CalSTRS-covered employment.

Benefit: Lump-sum distribution of the DBS Account Balance as of the date of distribution.

The benefit is payable six months from the termination of creditable service.

## **Appendix B Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**



This section of the report discloses the actuarial methods and assumptions used in this Actuarial Valuation. These methods and assumptions have been chosen on the basis of recent experience of the DBS Program and on current expectations as to future economic conditions. The assumptions were reviewed and changed for the June 30, 2011 actuarial valuation as a result of the 2011 Experience Analysis. Please refer to that Experience Analysis report dated February 7, 2012 for the data and rationale used in the selection and recommendation of each assumption.

The assumptions are intended to estimate the future experience of the members of the DBS Program and of the DBS Program itself in areas that affect the projected benefit flow and anticipated investment earnings. Any variations in future experience from that expected from these assumptions will result in corresponding changes in estimated costs of the DBS Program's benefits.

#### **Actuarial Cost Method**

The accruing costs of all benefits are measured by the Traditional Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method. Under this method, the projected benefits of each individual member are allocated by a consistent formula to valuation years. The actuarial present value of future projected benefits allocated to the current year is called the Normal Cost. The actuarial present value of future projected benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year is called the Actuarial Obligation.

The Actuarial Obligation is equal to the accumulated account balances and the Normal Cost is equal to the total annual contribution.

### Asset Valuation Method

The assets are valued at Fair Market Value.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The Actuarial Standards Board has adopted Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27, *Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. This Standard provides guidance on selecting economic assumptions under defined benefit retirement programs such as the System. In our opinion, the economic assumptions have been developed in accordance with the Standard.

The Actuarial Standards Board has adopted Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 35, Selection of Demographic and Other Noneconomic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. This Standard provides guidance on selecting demographic assumptions under defined benefit retirement programs such as the System. In our opinion, the demographic assumptions have been developed in accordance with the Standard.

The assumptions are intended to estimate the future experience of the members of the DBS Program and of the System itself in areas that affect the projected benefit flow and anticipated investment earnings. Any variations in future experience from that expected from these assumptions will result in corresponding changes in estimated costs of the Program's benefits.

The demographic assumptions are listed in **Table B.1** and illustrated at selected ages and duration combinations in **Table B.2**.

# Table B.1 List of Major Valuation Assumptions

### I. Economic Assumptions

A.	Investment Return (net of investment and administrative expenses)	7.50%
B.	Interest on Member Accounts	7.50%
C.	Wage Growth	3.75%
D.	Inflation	3.00%
E.	Standard Deviation of Portfolio	13.90%

## II. Demographic Assumptions

### A. Mortality\*

Retired &	- Male	2011 CalSTRS Retired – M	Table B.2
Beneficiary	- Female	2011 CalSTRS Retired – F	Table B.2
Disabled	- Male - Female	2011 CalSTRS Disabled – M 2011 CalSTRS Disabled – F (select rates in first three years	Table B.2 Table B.2

(select rates in first three years for both Males and Females)

<sup>\*</sup>Assumptions for active members do not apply to the DBS Program valuation, as each active and inactive member's liabilities are equal to their account balance. Mortality rates shown include a margin for anticipated future mortality improvement.

Table B.2 Mortality

		embers and iciaries	Disabled Members (After Year 3)	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female
50	0.114%	0.073%	2.400%	1.750%
55	0.164	0.118	2.600	1.875
60	0.300	0.254	2.800	2.000
65	0.596	0.468	3.000	2.125
70	1.095	0.864	3.054	2.331
75	1.886	1.451	4.972	3.334
80	3.772	2.759	7.285	4.477
85	7.619	5.596	9.797	8.367
90	14.212	11.702	17.639	14.007
95	22.860	17.780	27.005	20.992
	Select rates for	disability:		
	First year of disa	ability	6.0%	3.5%
	Second year of	disability	4.8	3.0
	Third year of dis	ability	3.5	2.5

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## **Appendix C Valuation Data**



The membership data for this actuarial valuation was supplied by CalSTRS and accepted without audit. We have examined the data for reasonableness and consistency with prior valuations and periodic reports from the CalSTRS staff to the Teachers' Retirement Board.

In preparing this report, we relied upon the membership data furnished by CalSTRS. Although we did not audit this data, we compared the data for this and the prior valuation and tested for reasonableness. Based on these tests, we believe the data to be sufficiently accurate for the purposes of this valuation. Since the valuation results are dependent on the integrity of the data supplied, the results can be expected to differ if the underlying data is incomplete or missing. It should be noted that if any data or other information is inaccurate or incomplete, our calculations may need to be revised.

**Tables C.1** through **C.4** summarize the census data used in this valuation.

Table C.1 Summary of Statistical Information

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Number of Members		
Active Members*	429,460	420,887
Inactive Members	129,698	129,961
Annuitants	54,742	50,852
Total Membership in Valuation	613,900	601,700
Active Member Statistics*		
Earned Salaries (\$ millions)	\$ 27,143	\$ 25,805
Average Salary	\$ 63,202	\$ 61,311
Average Age	45.5 years	45.6 years
Average Service	12.2 years	12.3 years

<sup>\*</sup> Active member statistics include all active members in the DB Program, as they are eligible to participate in the DBS Program. The count differs from page 1 of this report, which only includes active members with non-zero accounts in the DBS Program.

Table C.2

Age and Service Distribution

All Active Members

**Total** 

Years of Service					
Age	Under 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24
Less than 25	5,972	1			
25 to 30	28,458	2,583	2		
30 to 35	22,880	22,161	4,191	3	
35 to 40	14,449	17,943	24,914	3,889	12
40 to 45	10,970	11,268	19,685	23,465	1,652
45 to 50	9,008	8,377	12,337	18,396	11,268
50 to 55	7,089	6,410	9,315	12,078	9,967
55 to 60	5,256	5,030	7,556	10,032	7,667
60 to 65	3,444	3,262	4,986	6,934	5,259
65 to 70	1,730	1,493	1,871	2,242	1,655
70 and over	809	631	510	503	340
Age Unknown					
Total	110,065	79,159	85,367	77,542	37,820

Years of	of	Serv	vice
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Age	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 & Over	Total
Less than 25						5,973
25 to 30						31,043
30 to 35						49,235
35 to 40						61,207
40 to 45	6					67,046
45 to 50	1,146	9				60,541
50 to 55	9,148	859	2			54,868
55 to 60	8,539	5,920	807	4		50,811
60 to 65	4,959	2,657	1,973	103		33,577
65 to 70	1,325	571	375	247	28	11,537
70 and over	334	170	131	96	98	3,622
Age Unknown						
Total	25,457	10,186	3,288	450	126	429,460

Table C.3 Inactive Members

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Number	Account Balances*
2006	68,799	\$109,084,000
2007	80,071	158,169,000
2008	89,201	200,750,000
2009	99,654	249,838,000
2010	112,556	303,047,000
2011	121,653	356,289,000
2012	127,763	403,271,000
2013	130,776	444,279,000
2014	129,961	468,268,000
2015	129,698	496,059,000

<sup>\*</sup> Does not include Additional Earnings Credits.

Table C.4
Annuitants

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Number	Accounts at Retirement
2006	9,302	\$ 76,888,000
2007	13,561	133,216,000
2008	17,897	206,275,000
2009	23,002	312,732,000
2010	30,028	472,547,000
2011	36,066	627,629,000
2012	41,991	783,543,000
2013	46,927	926,192,000
2014	50,852	1,042,152,000
2015	54,742	1,163,868,000

## Appendix D Glossary



The following definitions are largely excerpts from a list adopted by the major actuarial organizations in the United States. In some cases, the definitions have been modified for specific applicability to the CalSTRS DBS Program. Defined terms are capitalized throughout this Appendix.

**Account Balance** 

The nominal account amount of an individual's benefit as of a specific date, determined in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The Account Balance is accumulated with contributions and interest.

**Actuarial Assumptions** 

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as mortality, withdrawal, disability and retirement, changes in compensation, rates of investment earnings and asset appreciation or depreciation, procedures used to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets and other relevant items.

**Actuarial Cost Method** 

A procedure for determining the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses and for developing an actuarially equivalent allocation of such value to time periods, usually in the form of a Normal Cost and an Actuarial Obligation.

**Actuarial Equivalent** 

Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date with each value based on the same set of Actuarial Assumptions.

**Actuarial Gain or Loss** 

A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of Actuarial Assumptions during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates, as determined in accordance with a particular Actuarial Cost Method.

**Actuarial Obligation** 

That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost method, of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is not provided for by future Normal Costs.

Actuarial Present Value

The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions.

**Actuarial Surplus** 

The excess, if any, of the Actuarial Value of Assets over the Actuarial Obligation.

**Actuarial Valuation** 

The determination, as of a Valuation Date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Obligation, Actuarial Value of Assets and related Actuarial Present Values for a pension plan.

Actuarial Value of Assets

The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan, as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation.

Normal Cost The Actuarial Present Value of benefits expected to accrue in the plan year

subsequent to the valuation date. The Normal Cost is equivalent to the expected

Member and Employer contributions for the next year.

Traditional Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method A method under which the Actuarial Obligation is equal to the Actuarial Present

Value of benefits for service accrued to the valuation date.

**Unfunded Actuarial** 

**Obligation** 

The excess, if any, of the Actuarial Obligation over the Actuarial Value of Assets.

Valuation Date June 30, 2015.